

**U.S. Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
450 Mall Boulevard  
Suite J  
Savannah, GA 31406



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## Citation and Notification of Penalty

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**To:**  
Great Southern Peanut, LLC  
and its successors  
P. O. Box 529  
Leesburg, GA 31763

**Inspection Number:** 1301922  
**Inspection Date(s):** 03/13/2018 - 05/03/2018  
**Issuance Date:** 09/11/2018

**Inspection Site:**  
132 5th Street  
Leesburg, GA 31763

*The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.*

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This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty **you either call to schedule an informal conference (see paragraph below) or you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.** Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

**Posting** - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer.

**Informal Conference** - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director during the 15 working day contest period by calling 912-652-4393. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

**Right to Contest** – You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.

**Penalty Payment** – Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to “DOL-OSHA”. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically on [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov). On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type “OSHA” and click Go. From the results, click on OSHA Penalty Payment Form. The direct link is:

<https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>.

You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check, money order, or electronic payment for less than the full amount due, and will process the payments as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

**Notification of Corrective Action** – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide *abatement certification* to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that *abatement documentation* is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

**Employer Discrimination Unlawful** – The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an

employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

**Employer Rights and Responsibilities** – The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

**Notice to Employees** – The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

**Inspection Activity Data** – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov). If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



## NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 09/11/2018. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 450

Mall Boulevard, Suite J, Savannah, GA 31406 on \_\_\_\_\_ at

\_\_\_\_\_. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

**CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET**

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List the specific method of correction for each item on this citation in this package that does not read "Corrected During Inspection" and return to: **U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 450 Mall Boulevard, Suite J, Savannah, GA 31406**

Citation Number \_\_\_\_\_ and Item Number \_\_\_\_\_ was corrected on \_\_\_\_\_  
By (Method of Abatement): \_\_\_\_\_

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By (Method of Abatement): \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this document is accurate and that the affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**NOTE: 29 USC 666(g)** whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

**POSTING:** A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review

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**Citation 1 Item 1** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(5)(i): Locks, tags, chains, wedges, key blocks, adapter pins, self-locking fasteners, or other hardware were not provided by the employer for isolating, securing, or blocking of machines or equipment from energy sources:

a) Throughout the facility - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the employer did not provide the appropriate lockout hardware to effectively isolate the energy source during servicing and maintenance on peanut processing machines (e.g. shellers, bucket elevators, and color sorters):

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Proposed Penalty:	\$12805.00

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**Citation 2 Item 1** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1904.32(b)(6): The OSHA 300-A Summary was not posted by February 1 of the year following the year covered by the records and/or kept in place until April 30.

a) At the facility, on and about March 14, 2018, the OSHA 300A summary for the 2017 300 log was not posted.

The Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1904.32(b)(6), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1125484, citation number 3, item number 1 and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street in Leesburg, Georgia.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection  
\$3659.00

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

**Citation 2 Item 2 a Type of Violation: Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.25(b)(3): The employer did not ensure that the stairs had uniform riser heights and tread depths between the landings:

(a) Sorter Area, on or about and at times prior to March 14, 2018, the stairway that led to the color sorters had non-uniform rise height that varied from 8 inches to 11 inches, thus exposing employees to a trip and fall hazard.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.24(f), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 1, item number 2 and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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Proposed Penalty:	\$14634.00

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**Citation 2 Item 2 b** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.29(f)(4): Openings in a stair rail system exceeded 19 inches at its least dimension:

a) Sorter and Gravity Area - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the stairway used to gain access to the sorter holding bins contained an opening of approximately 30 inches on the right side ascending, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard.

b) Sorter Area - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the metal stairway used to gain access to the stoner had an opening of approximately 30 inches on the left side descending, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.23(d)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 5 and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.23(d)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 2, item number 4a and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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#### Citation 2 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.28(b)(3)(iv): The employer did not ensure each employee was protected from falling into a ladderway floor hole or ladderway platform hole by a guardrail system and toeboards erected on all exposed sides, except at the entrance to the hole, where a self-closing gate or an offset must be used.

- a) Cleaner Plant - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018 the ladder entrance that led to the peanut holding tank was not guarded, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of approximately 7.3 feet onto concrete flooring.
- b) Shelling Plant - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the ladder entrance that led to the 1st level elevated platform was not properly guarded, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of approximately 6.3 feet onto concrete flooring.
- c) Shelling Plant - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the ladder entrance that led to the 2nd level elevated platform was not properly guarded, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of approximately 6.3 feet onto concrete flooring.
- d) Bag Off - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the ladder entrance that led to the pre-bag holding bins were not guarded, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of approximately 19 feet onto concrete flooring.
- e) Bag Off - On or about and at times prior to March 14, 2018, the ladder entrance to the rolling sizers were not guarded, thus exposing employees to fall hazard approximately 10 feet onto the concrete flooring below.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.23(a)(2), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 3 and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.23(a)(2), which was contained in OSHA inspection number

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1107788, citation number 2, item number 3 and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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<b>Proposed Penalty:</b>	<b>\$64023.00</b>

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

**Citation 2 Item 4 a** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.29(b)(1): A top rail, or equivalent guardrail system member was not 42 inches (107 cm), plus or minus 3 inches (8 cm), above the walking-working surface:

- a) Bag Off Dock Area - On or about and times prior to March 13, 2018, the top chain that was installed as fall protection on the Loading Dock was measured between 24 - 32 inches, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of approximately 4 feet 3 inches onto the concrete level below.
- b) Cleaner Plant - On or about and times prior to March 13, 2018, the top chain that was installed as fall protection on the bucket elevator pit was measured at 32 inches, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of approximately 3 feet onto a bucket elevator and/or concrete flooring.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.23(c)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 4 and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.23(c)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 2, item number 2b and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763

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**Proposed Penalty:**

**\$36585.00**

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**Citation 2 Item 4 b Type of Violation: Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.29(b)(2): The employer did not ensure that midrails, screens, mesh, intermediate vertical members, solid panels, or equivalent intermediate members are installed between the walking-working surface and the top edge of the guardrail system as follows when there is not a wall or parapet that is at least 21 inches (53 cm) high:

- a) Bag Off Dock Area - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, a mid chain was not installed on the Loading Dock between the top chain and the dock floor level, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of 4 feet 3 inches onto concrete level below.
- b) Cleaner Plant - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, a mid chain was not installed between the top chain of the bucket elevator pit and the landing area, thus exposing employees to a fall hazard of approximately 3 feet onto a bucket elevator and/or concrete flooring.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.23(c)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 4 and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.23(c)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 1, item number 2b and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763

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**Citation 2 Item 5** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3): Exit route(s) were not kept free and unobstructed.

- a) Cleaning Plant - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the walkway used to gain access to the exit had an obstruction impeding the route that included a vertical structural beam, thus exposing employees to egress hazards.
- b) Shelling Plant - On or about and times prior to March 14, 2018, the walkways used to gain access to the exit had obstructions impeding the route that included peanut processing machinery, electrical panels, a bucket elevator, and a vertical structural beam, thus exposing employees to egress hazards.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.37(a)(3), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 8b and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.37(a)(3), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 2, item number 5 and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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**Citation 2 Item 6** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.95(g)(6): At least annually after obtaining the baseline audiogram, the employer did not obtain a new audiogram for each employee exposed at or above an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels :

a) In the Peanut Processing Plant, on or about March 14, 2018 and at times prior to, the employer did obtain an audiogram on an annual basis for the cleaning plant operator who was exposed to an 8-hour time-weighted average sound level of 92.4 dBA during the 409 minute sampling period, which is 2.82 times the Action Level of 85 dBA, resulting in a progressive hearing loss hazard.

b) In the Peanut Processing Plant, on or about March 14, 2018 and at times prior to, the employer did not institute obtain an annual audiogram for shelling plant operator who was exposed to an 8-hour time-weighted average sound level of 95.3 dBA during the 407 minute sampling period, which is 4.22 times the Action Level of 85 dBA, resulting in a progressive hearing loss hazard.

The Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.95(g)(6), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1125484, citation number 3, item number 3 and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street in Leesburg, Georgia.

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Proposed Penalty:	\$21950.00



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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

**Citation 2 Item 7 a** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.146(d)(3): Under the permit-required confined space program required by 29 CFR 1910.146(c)(4), the employer did not develop and implement the means, procedures, and practices necessary for safe permit space entry operations, including, but not limited to items (d)(3)(i) through (d)(3)(vi) of this paragraph:

a) Throughout the workplace - On or about March 14, 2018, the employer did not develop or implement procedures that specified acceptable entry conditions, allowed observations of monitoring and testing, required isolating the permit spaces, controlled atmospheric hazards, and ensured that acceptable conditions existed throughout entry for entry into permit spaces to include, but not limited to peanut dump pits, thus exposing employees to caught-in and atmospheric hazards.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.146(c)(4) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 13b and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.146(d)(3) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 2, item number 6a and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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**Citation 2 Item 7 b** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.146(g)(1): The employer did not provide training so that all employees whose work was regulated by 29 CFR 1910.146 (permit required confined spaces) acquired the understanding, knowledge, and skills necessary for the safe performance of the duties assigned under 29 CFR 1910.146:

a) Throughout the workplace - On or about March 14, 2018, the employer did not provide training to employees that entered permit spaces to include, but not limited to peanut dump pits, thus exposing employees to caught-in and atmospheric hazards.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.146(g)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 13e and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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**Citation 2 Item 7 c Type of Violation: Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.146(k)(1): An employer who designates rescue and emergency services, pursuant to paragraph (d)(9) of this section did not evaluate the prospective rescuer's ability by the criteria set in this section, (k)(1)(i) - (k)(1)(v).

a). Throughout the workplace - On or about March 14, 2018, the employer did not evaluate their designated rescue service's (i.e. 911) ability to rescue entrant(s) in permit spaces to include, but not limited to peanut dump pits, thus exposing employees to caught-in and atmospheric hazards.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.146(d)(9) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 13d and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.146(k)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 2, item number 6c and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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**Citation 2 Item 8** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.157(g)(2): The educational program to familiarize employees with the general principles of fire extinguisher use and the hazards involved with incipient stage fire fighting was not provided to all employees upon initial employment, and at least annually thereafter.

a) Throughout the workplace - On or about March 14, 2018, the employer did not provide annual refresher training to employees that were designated to use portable fire extinguishers during an incipient stage fire, thus exposing employees to fire hazards.

Georgia Farm Services, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.157(g)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 16c and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Georgia Farm Services, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.157(g)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 2, item number 8 and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763

**ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM**

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	10/05/2018
Proposed Penalty:	\$365.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



**Citation and Notification of Penalty**

**Company Name:** Great Southern Peanut, LLC  
**Inspection Site:** 132 5th Street, Leesburg, GA 31763

**Citation 2 Item 9** Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.242(b): Compressed air used for cleaning purposes was not reduced to less than 30 p.s.i. and not used with effective chip guarding and personal protective equipment.

a) Shelling Plant - On or about and times prior to May 2, 2018, compressed air nozzle (i.e. metal rod) dead end nozzle pressure used to clean the floors and peanut processing machinery was measured at 70 p.s.i., thus exposing employees to an embolism and struck-by hazards.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.242(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 962546, citation number 1, item number 20 and was affirmed as a final order on January 9, 2015, with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Great Southern Peanut, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.242(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1107788, citation number 2, item number 12 and was affirmed as a final order on July 20, 2017 with respect to a workplace located at 132 Fifth Street, Leesburg, GA 31763.

**ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM**

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

10/05/2018  
\$36585.00



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## INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

**Company Name:** Great Southern Peanut, LLC  
**Inspection Site:** 132 5th Street, Leesburg, GA 31763  
**Issuance Date:** 09/11/2018

<b>Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number</b>	<b>1301922</b>
<b>Citation 1, Serious</b>	<b>\$12805.00</b>
<b>Citation 2, Repeat</b>	<b>\$296700.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES</b>	<b>\$309505.00</b>

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically on [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov). On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on **OSHA Penalty Payment Form**. The direct link is <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>. You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check, money order, or electronic payment for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed

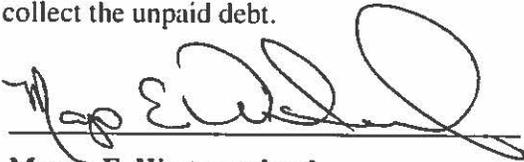
account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to 2 times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

**Interest:** Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is one percent (1%). Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

**Delinquent Charges:** A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

**Administrative Costs:** Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.



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Area Director

9/11/18  
Date